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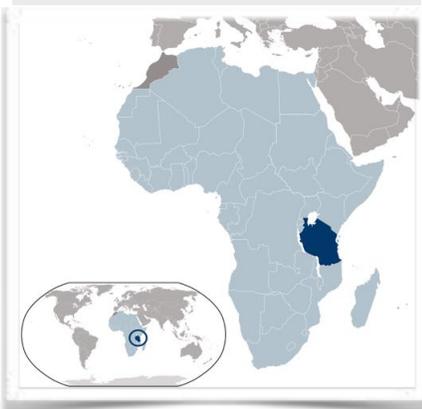
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Following final exams the seminary held a 3-day pastors’ conference featuring guest speaker Rev. Brent Kuhlman of Murdock, NE, who edified the pastors by reiterating the biblical basis for ordaining only qualified men to the pastoral office. Pressure to conform to American and European social values rather than the clear teaching of Scripture on this matter has been powerful in recent years, and Pastor Kuhlman’s teaching was gratefully received.

Focus on a Seminarian

Our spring semester is over, and during the American summer months my attention will now turn to preparing courses for the fall, visiting our local parishes, and taking some vacation time with the family. During finals week my students graciously agreed to sit with me for some personal interviews, and based on those interviews I’d like to introduce them to you over the course of the next several newsletters. These are the young men whose education you are supporting!

Jonathan Elitaja Mkiramweni

Our featured seminarian for this month is Jonathan Elitaja Mkiramweni, a fourth-year seminarian eligible for ordination at the end of this year. Jonathan, 26, comes from the town of



Our Family

Anita and I were married on August 16, 1997 and have been blessed with nine children.

Back Row, Left to Right:

- Emil (10.29.99), currently studying at Concordia University, Chicago
- Eleanor (1.10.02)
- Jonathan (8.20.75)
- Anita (12.9.74)
- Ernest (7.16.04)
- Eunice (6.1.06)
- Ethan (5.8.08)

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- Eric (12.16.09)
- Eileen (8.21.11)
- Elijah (7.3.13)
- Emmanuel (3.6.15)

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There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at www.lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Karatu, the gateway to the famous Ngorongoro Conservation Area in northern Tanzania. He was baptized as an infant in the Catholic church, but at 15 years old he began to get a much clearer understanding of the Bible when one of our local Lutheran pastors, Rev. Lyimo, took him under his wing and began meeting regularly with him for catechesis. Jonathan took the newly-learned message of salvation by grace alone home to his parents, and his mother and he soon joined the Lutheran church, followed a few years later by Jonathan's father. Although Jonathan had long expressed interest in studying science or medicine, he surprised his parents one day by announcing instead that he would like to attend seminary. The Gospel of Jesus had so shaped him that he wanted to be better equipped to share it with others, and that is how his path came to cross mine at Himo.

As a seminarian, Jonathan still puts his analytical mind to work. He has especially enjoyed studying Christian dogmatics and is working hard to improve his ability to interpret Scripture. His background as a computer software and hardware technician has also prepared him to be my chief assistant in researching, purchasing, and setting up his classmates' tablets for digital books. Thank you for supporting his education; by God's grace he will be a blessing to the church!



Seminarian Mkiramweni